



EARTHBOUND OR HIGH ART?

Academics and artistes discuss if re-imagining of Rabindra Sangeet is necessary

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TOWARDS A MAGIC MARK

Apparel makers hope exports will cross \$30 billion mark within a few years

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'JOB WELL DONE'

US President Barack Obama praises the Navy SEALs for "cutting off al-Qaeda's head"

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Carjackers on the prowl

Make city too risky for drivers, bikers

KAILASH SARKAR

Shamsur Rahman was coming home from a party on a Friday night with his wife. It was around midnight when he made a turn to his Gulshan road but he noticed a car behind him. It was moving slowly and it felt like it was shadowing him.

Shamsur asked his wife to keep an eye on the car. Instinct might have alerted him. As he stopped at the gate of his home and honked for the security guard to open it, he noticed the car pull over next door.

The doors flung open and two young men in jeans and t-shirts got out brandishing a baseball bat and a machete. Shamsur quickly put the car in reverse but before he could back out the men were at their windows.

The one with the baseball bat made a swing at the window shattering the glass on the driver's side. He put his hand inside and Shamsur screamed which somehow baffled the men and Shamsur grabbed hold of the

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ILLUSTRATION: CHINMAY DEVORSI

They kill drivers, snatch vehicles

KAILASH SARKAR

On January 2, criminals stopped a rice-laden truck by putting a barricade with another truck in Uttara. They then killed the driver and the helper, dumped their bodies in a roadside ditch at Banani and sped away with the truck.

A week later, police recovered their decomposed bodies. They also arrested two of the gang who confessed to the crimes at a press briefing at DB office.

On January 12, auto-rickshaw driver Faysal Molla Chanchal was found dead in a drain in front of Pallima Sangsad of Khilgaon in the city.

It is believed that carjackers killed him to

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Tagore bonds all together

REZAUL KARIM and PALLAB BHATTACHARYA, from New Delhi

Bangladesh once again assured India yesterday that its territory will not be allowed to be used by elements working against the interests of any country.

Addressing a function at Vigyan Bhavan here in commemoration of the 150th birth anniversary of Rabindranath Tagore, Bangladesh Planning Minister AK Khandker said, "The spontaneous support we received

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India needs to keep its promises

Pranab says significant announcements to come during Manmohan's Dhaka visit

REZAUL KARIM, from New Delhi

India will make substantial announcements on specific outstanding issues with Bangladesh, like the Teesta river water sharing and decades-old border disputes, during Prime Minister Manmohan Singh's visit to Dhaka.

"We have special relations with Bangladesh and we are fully aware of Bangladesh's concerns....We have to take effective steps expeditiously



Pranab Mukherjee

headed.

A powerful minister of Manmohan's

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to resolve those issues," Indian Finance Minister Pranab Mukherjee said at his office in New Delhi yesterday.

Talking to a group of journalists from Bangladesh, Pranab admitted that there has been delay in implementing India's commitments made to Bangladesh. "There have been some slippages. People want to see much more things visible,"

Celebrations off to a unique start

SHAH HUSAIN IMAM, from New Delhi

Inaugurations have a way of passing off rhetorically and ritualistically. But the inauguration of the Indian part of the celebrations with Bangladesh of the 150th birth anniversary of Rabindranath Tagore at Vighyan Bhaban Saturday in New Delhi has been in a class of its own. The line, temper and texture of the curtain-raiser that flagged off year long celebrations were unique in certain ways.

The atmosphere that I

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Let Grameen Bank flourish further

Appeals Prof Yunus

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Grameen Bank's future is connected with 40 million borrowers, and it should be ensured that its achievements in the last four decades are not undone, Nobel laureate Prof Muhammad Yunus said in a statement yesterday.

"Now our challenge is to create the opportunity so that the second generation of Grameen Bank borrowers can move away from poverty forever. This should now be our goal and we should strive to achieve this goal as quickly as possible," Prof Yunus said.

"It is indeed a much wider and much more significant issue to save the future of Grameen Bank and also to protect the hopes and dreams of over 80 lakh borrowers."



About his own course of life, the Nobel laureate hinted that he would be working with the young generation from other platforms to address the problem of poverty at home and abroad.

"Through social business, I will ensure that my initiatives continue. I am inviting all to join in and participate in helping solve the problems

afflicting our country," the microcredit pioneer said.

Prof Yunus said it has to be ensured that Grameen Bank, which created the opportunity for poor women across the country to express their latent abilities, continues to achieve more success.

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Our paeon to the Bard

SYED BADRUL AHSAN

Rabindranath Tagore goes on occupying a very large segment of our collective literary consciousness. And as Bangla-speaking people in Bangladesh, in West Bengal, indeed all across the Bangalee diaspora observe today the 150th anniversary of the birth of the poet, it is fair to suggest that the pre-eminent niche he holds in our collective life is not likely to be moved or shaken ever. In considerably more ways than one, Rabindranath embodies the psyche of his people. In a larger sense, from the perspective of history, he speaks of

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PM flies to Istanbul

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina left Dhaka yesterday morning for Turkey on a four-day visit to attend the fourth UN Conference on LDCs to be held in Istanbul.

An emirates flight carrying the premier and her

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